

# 40 Side Hustles for When You Need Extra Cash Fast

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Good news! The Gig Economy is here, and with it many diverse and flexible options for earning new income. Most of these options come courtesy of innovative technology platforms and the Internet. They are available to people of all ages, backgrounds and circumstances.

Stay at home moms and dads know parenting can be a full time job – what with getting kids ready for school, chauffeuring them around to activities, grocery shopping, housework, and running errands. While fulltime parenting can be very fulfilling emotionally, of course it doesn't come with a paycheck.

Likewise, living on a single or part-time paycheck can be tough for any household, as it's hard to find enough money to pay the bills let alone put anything away in savings. A 2015 article in CNN Money revealed that it would take an annual salary of \$53,722 to live comfortably in Chapel Hill, North Carolina and an annual salary of around \$67,000 a year just to be a renter in metro Denver, Colorado.

### **There are ways to earn good money**

Fortunately, it is possible to earn extra money anytime and anywhere, while the kids are at school and/or in the evenings and on weekends. If you don't have children, but are busy job hunting/interviewing, taking skills training courses or working toward a degree yourself, the same possibilities are out there for you. That's the good news. The not-so-good news is that it takes a fair amount of organization, focus and self-discipline in order to work a part-time job successfully. Plus, you may have to try several different gigs before you find out which one best fits you, your family and your lifestyle. You must also have the drive to keep going even on those days you feel like giving up or when your friends question whether you should be working from home at all.

### **It will be worth it**

If you can stay the course and keep focused the effort will be worth it. To take one example let's assume that whatever you do grosses just \$10,000 a year (\$200 a month x 50 weeks). Wouldn't that go a long way towards improving your finances? If you are currently living on that one salary and things are not too terribly tight you could stick away half of that or \$5000 into an IRA and be saving for retirement. And if things are really tight, that \$10,000 could reduce a lot of the financial stress you're currently experiencing. For example, it could mean eating out several times a month, a movie or two or buying those new athletic shoes you or your kids so desperately need.

## **Flexible gigs that won't interfere with your other priorities in life**

If you're interested in earning extra money here are some of the best flexible gigs for earning cash on the side, or if you're really driven, to actually earn a full-time income.

### **1. Blog for dollars**

Have you ever thought of writing a blog? It can be both fun and financially rewarding. Pat Flynn, the owner of [smartpassiveincome.com](http://smartpassiveincome.com) has earned \$153,000 a year. Collis Ta'eed has earned \$120,000 a year from his blog Tuts Plus. An entity called The Blonde Salad has made \$200,000 a year from its blog Noupe. And another blogger has earned a tidy \$60,000 a month from his blog Slash Gear.

While it's unlikely that you would earn this kind of annual income from your blog, it is possible and realistic to earn several thousands of dollars from sources such as affiliate commissions, sponsored advertisers and Google AdWords.

One of the best things about blogging is that you get to choose your topic. You can also choose when to post to your blog, which products to promote and the types of ads you feature. What are potential blog topics for you? It could be parenting tips, cooking, sports, video games, fashion or marketing to take a few examples. The options are practically endless.

However, spoiler alert – it's best to choose a topic that you're passionate about. Successful bloggers post almost every day. Stop and think about this for a minute. That's seven posts a week, 28 posts a month and more than 350 posts a year – give or take a couple. Could you even imagine writing 350 posts about something you are not passionate about? We think that would be tough, so focus on a topic that really motivates you.

#### **Do some research**

If you think blogging might be your thing it would pay to do some research before diving in. First, you might just search Google using the subject of your blog as your keyword. That would show you in a hurry who your competition would be. Second, do some reading. There are a number of good books available on blogging that could help you not only get started but avoid making mistakes. For example, some of the best sellers on blogs and blogging on Amazon *include How To Blog For Profit Without Selling Your Soul, How To Start A Blog That People Will Read* and the interestingly named *A Work In Progress: A Memoir*. Alternatively you could visit your local library in search of these books.

## **Don't expect instant success**

Trust us that the people making \$100,000 or more a year from blogging didn't start at this level. It may have taken them years to reach this level of income. You will need to be patient and not expect instant success. You may also have to invest a bit of money to get started by buying ads from Google or Facebook. The biggest challenge facing any blogger is to attract traffic. While it's possible to do this organically (without any advertising) that is more difficult and takes more time. However, whether you decide to buy advertising or go for organic traffic only, be prepared to be patient because it will take time to generate enough traffic to begin earning money from your blog.

## **2. Become an affiliate marketer**

Another great way to earn money on the Internet is by becoming an affiliate marketer. What this means is promoting other companies' stuff and earning a commission for having done so. The beauty of this is that you never have to warehouse, pack and ship anything. The company where you're an affiliate does all of this for you. The way you promote these products is through Twitter, Facebook and other social media, your blog, an online store, articles you write – pretty much any channel you can think of.

### **How it works**

The way affiliate marketing works is pretty simple. You sign up with a company or companies and are given special links that you embed in your ads, blog or whatever. When someone buys a product you've promoted that link tells the company you were responsible for the sale and you earn a commission. These commissions range anywhere from 4% to 50% so one of the keys to success in this area is to promote products that come with the best commissions. A second key is to choose companies and products that are well known and well respected so that they have built-in credibility. While Clickbank (more on this later) pays commissions as high as 50% a lot fewer people know about this company than about, say, Amazon or Wal-Mart. This just means that you would likely have to put more time and effort into selling something from Clickbank than from Amazon.com.

### **The most popular affiliate networks**

There is a number of affiliate networks available including several that are aggregators or offer the ability to sell the products of many different companies. Here are the most popular of these networks:

**Amazon** Unless you became a really high-volume seller you to earn a commission of only 4%. If you go through this affiliate network you could promote clothing, video games, audiobooks, kitchen tools or even car parts.

**Rakuten** ([www.rakuten.com](http://www.rakuten.com)) used to be known as Linkshare. It's one of the aggregators we mentioned earlier as it offers the ability to promote the products of literally hundreds of different companies including iTunes, Wal-Mart and Starbucks. We have no idea how many Wal-Mart products you could promote but it has to be in the thousands.

**Clickbank** ([www.clickbank.com](http://www.clickbank.com)) is the site we mentioned earlier that offers those big, tasty commissions. The reason for this is because it sells information products, including recipe books, guides on transforming the way you age and use of fitness systems. Its staple product for years was information related to making money on the Internet but has now branched out to include many other types of information. Here's another great feature as Clickbank will help you with advice as to which products you could promote online that are in high demand.

**JVZoo** (<https://www.jvzoo.com>) sells information products related to making money online. For example, some of its most popular products in the past have been WP Fan Machine – Unlimited, CopyBuilder, Long Tail Pro 3.0 and Onesoci Platinum. Promoting these products to Internet marketers would certainly be a narrower niche than selling the products of, say, Wal-Mart but can still be profitable.

**Shareasale** (<https://www.shareasale.com/>) is another aggregator similar to Rakuten. It offers the opportunity to promote the products of more than 3000 different companies. Many of them are smaller, specialty-type companies such as BuildDirect, One Kings Lane, Eco Lunchbox and GreenKidCrafts.com. However, there are markets for all of these products, meaning that there is money to be made by working with Shareasale.

### **You don't have to choose just one**

Another of the good things about affiliate marketing is that you don't have to work with just one of these companies. You could work with both Shareasale and Rakuten and choose only the products from each that you want to promote to build a perfect store.

### **3. Shop online and get paid for it**

Do you enjoy shopping online? Many of us do. What do you think would make shopping online even more fun? How about getting paid for it? Ebates ([www.ebates.com](http://www.ebates.com)) will pay you cash just for shopping the way you normally do. It will even give you a bonus just for signing up. Ebates says that its members have earned cash back totaling more than \$325 million so this is clearly no-fly-by-night operation. The way it works is that there are no points to redeem, no forms to fill out and mail and no fees. The retail merchants that subscribe to Ebates pay a commission for sending shoppers to them and then share these commissions with you as cash back. Some of the retailers that participate in Ebates include Macy's, American Eagle, Hewlett-Packard, Old Navy, Overstock and New Balance. Old Navy once offered double cash back or an 8% commission. New Balance offered a 10% commission and Overstock 6%. You might earn 4% cash back shopping with Dell and 9% with Nike.

#### **How this works**

When you're ready to start buying you search for the store that you want to purchase from and then click on its link, which will set up a tracking code. Once you have visited an online store from Ebates you then have 30 days to purchase whatever it is you want. As an example of this, Wal-Mart gives Ebates 2% of every sale that's referred from the Ebates website. So if you were to go to Wal-Mart through Ebates and buy a \$500 computer Ebates makes \$10 on the sale. In other words, Wal-Mart is basically paying Ebates for having brought you in as a customer. Ebates then takes the \$10 it got from Wal-Mart and gives you half or \$5. This translates into 1% cash back.

#### **A pretty good deal for everyone**

This is a win-win deal because the online stores of companies such as Wal-Mart, Best Buy and Target get the sale. Ebates wins because it gets a commission. And you the customer wins because you get extra cash for basically doing what you would normally have done anyway.

#### **Why is this legal?**

If this sounds a bit fishy, it isn't. Ebates is an affiliate of more than 1,600 online stores. In fact, almost anyone with a website can become an affiliate of all those stores. If you're a bit confused, think of it this way. The online stores pay Ebates to advertise on Ebates.com. Ebates and the stores then split the proceeds from these sales with you. In its simplest form it's just another form of affiliate marketing much like marketing products through Shareasale or Rakuten.

## 4. Sell your old books

Most households have a bunch of books sitting around gathering dust. So why not turn them into cash? The site Bookscouter (<https://bookscouter.com/>) will help you sell them at the highest possible price. The way it works is that they compare prices from dozens of books-buying websites so you can almost immediately find out who would pay the most for your books. Of course, the prices of books often fluctuate and can vary greatly among buyers so it's helpful to compare book buyers using various criteria so that you can determine where you could sell your books at the best price.

### Sell someone else's books

If you don't have a bunch of books of your own available for sale no problem. One of the easiest things to find at yard and garage and estate sales is books. And the people selling them often have no idea of their real value. One of the best ways to sell books through a site like Bookscouter is to specialize in some specific category such as children's books, mysteries, romantic novels or historical fiction. Do this and you will know what books are worth and how much to pay for them to still make a profit. In many cases you'll be able to find books at yard sales and estate sales for \$1 or less because people just want to clear them out. You might find some of those \$1 or \$2 books could be worth \$20 or more.

One of the best things about BookScouter is that there is no registration required and it's free. However, if you think you'll be selling a lot of books there is an upgrade called BookScouter Pro that requires a monthly subscription but that provides you with a book Lookup Tool, Bookscouter Deals, tracking, notifications, uninterrupted usage and historical vendor data.

### Got textbooks?

If you have a child in college or who's been in college, we don't have to tell you how costly textbooks are. BookScouter can be a great place to sell used ones. We know of one guy who is earning \$700 a month selling textbooks and it's pretty simple. All you need to do is put its ISBN in BookScouter. You can then pick the best offer for the book and ship it off to the reseller. BookScouter's resellers generally pay by PayPal or check. Here's an example of what a used textbook could bring you. The seventh edition of "Principles of Microeconomics" by N. Gregory Mankiw was published in January 2014 at the publisher's list price of \$271.95. When an owner entered its ISBN into BookScouter in 2015 the best offer was from RentText for \$91.55. And while that would not be the same as getting the \$271.95 you paid for the book, it would certainly be better than the zero you would get if you left it just sitting around.

### Notes of caution

There are some downsides to BookScouter. For one thing, it does not share resale or guidelines as to what would be an acceptable condition for a book. Instead, it sends you to the reseller's website where you will have to search for the acceptable conditions. This is important because if you send in a book that the reseller deems unacceptable you won't, of course, get paid for it. A second negative is that according to BookScouter itself, it's not a good place to sell collectible, rare or antique books – which could likely earn you the most money elsewhere.

## **5. Design and sell customized T-shirts**

One of the hottest things going now is custom T-shirts. The website [www.TeeSpring.com](http://www.TeeSpring.com) makes creating and selling custom them just about drop dead simple.

### **How it works**

TeeSpring has an online tool that helps you create a T-shirt. You can upload your own design or use fonts and clipart from TeeSpring's library. You can then select the type of shirt you want to use or choose to offer several products – for example, basic tees, premium tees and hoodies. You determine the cost of the shirt based on the profit you want to earn and, as noted above, set a sales goal, which is the minimum number of shirts you'll need to sell in order to have your shirts printed. You can choose any number from 5 to 1000 and, of course, the higher your goal the more money you will make per sale. When you choose a sales goal, the TeeSpring platform will tell you the net profits you can expect to earn.

You will then need to choose a campaign name, a compelling title and a write a description. Your campaign can range from 3 to 21 days but your orders will not arrive at your customer's location until 7 to 10 days after the end of your campaign.

### **Use social media and email**

It would be nice if your T-shirts would sell themselves but they won't. You need to alert your family members and friends about your design with email and social media. If yours is a niche market that you are targeting you could buy a few ads. While your customers will "buy" your T-shirts they won't be charged unless your campaign reaches its sales goal.

## **Making money with TeeSpring**

TeeSpring has a section titled Teeview where you can see the campaigns currently on TeeSpring. You should visit it to see what shirts are selling well. You can sort campaigns by sales numbers or search for the most profitable. Above all, keep your design simple. And, if possible, take advantage of the season or a new trend. This means designing shirts around buzz topics, which might be popular sporting events, TV shows or celebrities. Unless you're a skilled designer yourself, don't try to create your own design. Hire a designer on Fiverr or Upwork to create your design. It's a good idea to have a few style and color options so that your customers can pick the one they like best. And, when you're just getting started, set your sales goal low. If you have little or no traffic and not much money for advertising, stick with a lower number such as 10 to 20 as this will work fine and it's a goal you should be able to reach.

## **6. Offer your services on Fiverr**

It's totally amazing the services you could sell on [Fiverr](#). This could be anything from writing resumes to writing breakup letters or making prank telephone calls. If you're a graphic artist, Fiverr is a great place for selling logos, drawings, cartoon characters, storyboards and avatars. If you're a musician you could sell music to people for their particular projects. Techies can find lots of opportunities selling mobile apps, desktop applications and building websites and databases.

### **How can you make any money charging just five dollars per project?**

One nice thing about Fiverr is that it eliminates haggling or negotiating over price. You sell any service for five dollars a pop.

So how do you make money at this?

The secret to making money on Fiverr is speed. If it takes you four hours to create a logo then Fiverr probably isn't for you. You need to be able to crank out anywhere from 5 to 10 gigs an hour. That way instead of earning just five dollars you might earn anywhere from \$25 to \$50 an hour. The second secret for making money on Fiverr is the old upsell or augmenting your services. One example of this is you create a logo for \$5 but if the customer wants the vector file so he can manipulate the artwork, you charge an additional \$10 or \$15. You might also give one revision free but then charge an additional \$5 or \$10 to make additional revisions.

People who have been successful on Fiverr say that you should pick and learn a service and then develop the skills necessary to deliver it. You should know your target market and reach out to it using all methods possible to promote your Gig.

## **You'll need to get promoted**

When you first sign up and begin offering your services on Fiverr you must stay on the site for 30 days and successfully complete 10 orders before you are promoted to level I, which is where you'd be allowed to offer Gigs for more than \$5. And then yes, you can sell Gigs for more than five bucks. Fiverr offers around 4000 services across 120 categories with new ones being added every day. It reports that over 50% of these transactions are between \$10 and \$100 thanks to the growth in what it calls its "premium" Gigs. This is where advanced sellers can augment their services and sell them for as much as \$500. As you might imagine these people can achieve financial independence totally on their own terms.

Last but not least, if you want to be successful on Fiverr you must be focused, deliver what you promised and try your hardest to get good recommendations from your buyers.

## **7. Sell on Etsy**

This website has become one of the Internet's most popular with more than 30 million members. It's not like eBay in that it specializes in unique designs and handmade arts and crafts, clothing, accessories, collectibles and nostalgia items. If you can sew, crochet, knit, sculpt, work with wood, make jewelry, paint or draw, then Etsy ([www.Etsy.com](http://www.Etsy.com)) would be a great place for you to sell your work.

### **Getting started**

Getting started with Etsy couldn't be simpler. All that's required is to register and you can do this through your Facebook or Google account or by filling out a simple form. You will also be required to provide payment information so that Etsy can pay you via direct deposit. Plus, you will need to have a credit card on file so Etsy can bill you for your listings and transaction fees. Then just login and get started selling.

### **What it costs to sell on Etsy**

It's free to open a shop on Etsy and its transaction fees are only 3.5% of the sale. If you would rather not open a shop it costs just \$.20 US to list an item for four months. Plus, you get a certain number of your first listings for free! Each of your listings can include up to five photographs and if you have more of the same item available you can set your listing to automatically renew when an item sells. Each month, you will receive a bill from Etsy that includes your listing fees, transaction fees and the shipping labels you buy through Etsy. You can also determine the type of payment you will accept such as PayPal. In addition, Etsy now has its own payment system called Direct Checkout that accepts credit and debit cards. You can also allow your customers to pay with money orders or personal checks.

## **Making money on Etsy**

If you enjoy creating and making things you can earn good money on Etsy. The same is true if you can find collectibles and vintage items, which are generally anything from the 1960s or earlier. However, before you start knitting, sculpting or painting like crazy, it pays to do some market research see if items similar to yours are selling and for how much. Also look for similar items to see which search words you should choose. Be sure to check what they're selling for and their shipping costs. Look at how items are priced at either end of the price spectrum. This will give you a good idea of how you should price your stuff. Go through a couple of pages of results to get an overall feel for your competition. See which items similar to yours are priced at the high end of the spectrum and ask yourself why. Ditto those that are at the low end of the price spectrum.

## **Set up an Etsy shop**

If you intend to make money selling on Etsy on a regular basis you need to set up a shop. Here's a [link to pages](#) with good information on naming and customizing it.

## **8. Sell used clothing**

The website [ThredUP](#) is a great place to sell like-new clothes – whether it's stuff you've only worn a few times or clothing you find at thrift shops. ThredUP says it's the Internet's largest consignment store for women's, girls' and boys' clothing and who are we to argue?

### **How it works**

The way you work with ThredUP is pretty simple. You register through your Facebook or Google account and then order a Clean Out Kit. To qualify your clothes must be defect free; that is in excellent condition with no stains, pilling, holes or signs of wear. They also need to be what's called "on trend" or in season, meaning currently in style. It should also be a top brand such as J. Crew, Mini Moden, DVF, Theory, Calvin Klein, Faded Glory or Abercrombie.

When your Clean Out Kit arrives at ThredUP the company calculates its value based on quality, quantity and adherence to the company's standards. ThredUP's buyers carefully evaluate each of your items to determine their quality and the company's ability to resell it. It has an online earnings estimator that will show you how much other people have earned by selling similar items.

### **How much you'll earn**

How much you can earn using ThredUP will depend on a number of factors such as the manufacturer's suggested retail price, what you paid for the items new, their age, quality, style and how fast similar items are selling. As a general rule, if

the ThredUP listing price is less than \$10 you'll receive 10% the item's selling price. If it sells for \$20-\$39.99, you'll receive 40% and for clothing priced at \$90 to \$149.99, you'll get 60%. There are a number of different other pricing tiers but this should give you an idea of how much you can expect to earn on your items.

### **How you get paid**

If you have items that end up listed for less than \$60, you will be paid as soon as ThredUP processes them. If you have items that list for more than \$60 you will be paid when they sell. If you have items that don't sell and would like them back, you can select Return Assurance when you order your Clean Out Kit.

If some of your items are unaccepted, which is what happens to about 50% of the clothing the company receives, they may be donated to Teach For America or passed on to third-party sellers or the company's textile recycling partners and repurposed into new, useful products. If some of your items are rejected ThredUP will take a photo of them so you can see exactly why they were not accepted.

## **9. Earn money by trying new products**

Would you like to try new stuff and get paid for it? You can do this through the site [www.cashcrate.com](http://www.cashcrate.com). It's based on the fact that there are companies that pay top dollar for people like you to try their products and services. Plus, you get to try them for free.

### **Signing up**

Signing up with CashCrate is easy and you'll get \$1 just for doing so. In addition to getting paid for trying products and services you can also earn money by taking part in daily research surveys, shopping online, and referring other members to the program.

### **What you can expect to earn**

As an example of what you could earn on CashCrate there might be two Daily Surveys, which you could complete and get paid \$.80 for each. If you were to complete both of them every day you would earn \$50 a month.

When you participate in free offers you can earn cash by requesting information on a variety of products and services. Once you sign up, you will be able to see the free offers in the website's Members Area. These offers are typically quizzes, short surveys, website registrations and trial products. CashCrate will have several hundred different offers and paid surveys you can choose from. These will range from \$.25 per offer all the way up to \$50.

## Not all offers are free

Most of the offers on CashCrate are free. However, there are others where you would be required to provide credit card information. In the event you do have to provide this information, the payout you will receive will be greater than what it costs you. For example, CashCrate might pay you \$25 to try a product that requires a sign-up or a shipping and handling fee of a few dollars. Given this, you would still turn a tidy profit on the deal.

According to CashCrate the best way to earn money is by getting referrals. It says that many of its members earn more than \$100 a month this way and some get checks for more than \$1000. The way this works is sort of like multi-level marketing. When you first start out you'll get only the revenue you earned. But as you sign up referrals you'll get a \$3 bonus every time one of them makes her or his first \$10. And this is just the beginning. As you accumulate more and more referrals the amount of money you earn from them will increase as well.

## 10. Rent your car

Does your car spend most of its time just sitting in the garage or a parking space? Or do you have a second car you're not using much? Then why not put it to work earning you extra money? The website Turo makes it possible for you to rent your car out of your own driveway, deliver it to other locations or a nearby airport or rent it out of one of the company's airport lots. [Turo](#), formerly **RelayRides**, is a company that operates a peer-to-peer carsharing marketplace. It allows private car owners to rent out their vehicles via an online and mobile interface.

### To get started

You can sign up with **Turo** and list your car in just a few minutes. You will need to describe your car, add some photos and bingo! You're ready to go. You will need to have an updated calendar to show potential renters when it will be available. Before your first rental you will need to get your car prepared. There is a RelayRides insurance card you'll need to put in your glove compartment, make sure you're up to date on your maintenance and tidy up your car's interior.

According to Wikipedia, people who wish to generate income from their cars while they're not being used can register the cars online to be rented by other Turo members. The car owner states the time and place where the car will be available. A traveler wishing to rent a car reserves a specific time slot for the car online<sup>[29]</sup> and pays for the amount of time they signed up for. Car owners can set their own prices or use Turo's dynamic pricing suggestions, and the company takes 25%. The travelers pay around 35 percent less on average than they would with a traditional car rental company.

Turo covers vehicles with up to \$1 million of liability insurance to protect car owners against lawsuits for injuries and property damage. Cars listed must be 2004 or newer with an odometer reading below 130,000 miles, with some exceptions. All Turo users are screened for trust and safety purposes.

### **You're in total control**

One of the best things about Turo is that you control both your pricing and your car's availability. You could choose to rent by the day, the week or the month.

### **You'll receive requests**

Turo will notify you when a person wants to rent your car. You will need to review that person's profile and ratings and decides whether or not you want to rent to him or her. If you have any questions you're free to contact the renter. In short, you're always in charge of who can drive your car.

You will meet the renter and check her or his license. You should also show your renter around the car, check your mileage and fuel levels and then hand them the keys.

### **When the renter returns your car**

When you get your car back be sure to talk to the renter about the vehicle's condition and make sure that everything is in order. You'll also want to rate your renter so that other owners can know what to expect from that person.

### **How much can you expect to earn?**

Of course, this will depend on how you price your automobile and whether you're renting by the day, week or month. However, the average member in 2015 earned about \$250 per month renting out their car. It's possible to earn up to \$1000 a month – depending on the quality of your car and your marketing skills.

## **11. Make money renting your garage or driveway**

Did you know that your driveway or garage could make money for you? Well, it's really true. If you have unused space in your driveway or garage you could list it on a site such as Craigslist and turn it into cash money. Of course, you would likely make more money renting out space in your garage than your driveway because there's a higher demand for it. Many people have filled up their garages with so much stuff they no longer have room for one or more of their cars. There are also people with exotic or collectible cars but no place to garage them. You don't have to stop with cars, either. There are probably a lot of people out there with stuff to store, but who'd rather not use commercial storage. So why not charge them to store their items in your garage?

## **Where to list your garage or parking space**

If you lived in England you could rent out your driveway or garage through the website [www.justpark.com](http://www.justpark.com) where you would likely get some help in your pricing. The most comparable website here in the US is [www.rentmygarage.com](http://www.rentmygarage.com). It's free to list your garage space as an ad on this site and when you do you'll receive an email notification anytime someone posts an ad looking for garage space in your area.

You could also list your garage or parking space on Craigslist. Homeowners in city downtown areas can offer garage space or off-street parking for \$300 or more a month or \$70+ a week. Suburban and small town rates are naturally lower, but in line with local property values. If you charge less than the nearest commercial parking lot or garage, you'll likely attract business

Another site that fits this same general category is [www.storeatmyhouse.com](http://www.storeatmyhouse.com), which calls itself "the Airbnb of self storage." However, it's designed for people that want to rent storage space or parking spaces, but not garage space.

## **How much could you expect to earn?**

It's not unrealistic to expect you could get at least \$200 a month for renting out half of your garage which would be a nice \$2400 extra a year. Of course, this would depend on a number of variables including where you live, the size of the space you have to rent, the scarcity of garage space in your city and the amenities. However, as a general rule you should be able to earn more if your garage space is in the central part of a large city than if it is in a small town.

## **12. Rent out space in your house or apartment**

Do you have a bedroom you're not using or will you be out of town for several weeks? You could list that space or your entire house or apartment free on <https://www.airbnb.com/> and turn it into a source of extra cash. This website caters to people who act as "hosts" offering to rent their space in 190 countries and more than 34,000 cities to "guests" (the tenants).

### **How it works**

Whether you have a seaside villa you don't use most of the year or an air mattress in a spare room, you could list that space free on Airbnb. You will need to take some nice photos of your room(s) or house to post with your listing. If someone wants to book your space you have the option of allowing him or her to book instantly or to send you a reservation request. Once you have a confirmed reservation, you will need to tidy up your space, coordinate the exchange of keys, greet them and give them neighborhood tips. There is no real downside because your property is covered for up to \$1 million in eligible countries in what Airbnb calls its Host Guarantee. This protects you for up to \$1 million in damages

in the event of guest damages, which you cannot resolve directly with the guest. However, be aware that it does not cover cash and security thefts, pets and personal liability.

### **How much could you expect to earn?**

Renting out your house or space in your house through Airbnb is like renting out garage space, which means it all depends. However, your payout will be the listing price minus Airbnb's 3% host service fee. Your guests will pay the cost of the listing in addition to a 6% to 12% guest service fee. This is why they see a total that is higher than the amount you quoted. You set your price. The base price is for reservations of six nights or less. The weekly price is for reservations of seven to 27 nights. And the monthly price is for reservations of 28 nights or more. You are also allowed to have weekend pricing and custom pricing for certain days, weeks or months of the year. As an example of this, homeowners in Denver made out like bandits during the 2008 Democratic National Convention by renting out their homes at fairly astronomical prices while spending the week with friends or vacationing in the mountains.

### **How you're paid**

Airbnb offers several different payout options. When you open your account you can choose from ACH Direct Deposit, international wire, PayPal, Payoneer Bank transfer/debit card or Western Union. Airbnb releases your payments about 24 hours after your guest arrives. Of course, it will take some additional time for you to see the payment. In the case of long-term reservations, the payouts occur on a monthly basis. If you like, you can set a minimum payout amount so that you won't be paid until that amount of money has accrued in your account.

## **13. Write "content"**

Everything you read on the Internet has one thing in common. Somebody wrote it. And in many cases that somebody is called a content writer. Companies that can't afford to employ full-time writers use content or freelance writers. Many of the articles you see on websites like CNN money, Yahoo finance and Bankrate were written by guess whom? Yes, freelance content writers. Bloggers often use content writers to augment their own work and keep a constant stream of articles on their sites. In fact, it's almost impossible to find a blog or a website that doesn't use content writers.

### **What it takes to be a content writer**

First and foremost, you need to be able to express yourself concisely, and logically turning ideas into words and meeting deadlines. Many of the companies that utilize content writers want articles pertaining to some specific subjects so it helps to learn everything you can about areas like personal finance, health,

dieting, nutrition, beauty and making money on the Internet. These topics are often called "Evergreen" because there is always a need for articles on them.

### **How much you could expect to earn**

Content writers can earn everything from a few dollars to a few hundred dollars per assignment. While the median annual income of content writers is \$35,200, it's possible to earn as much as \$66,000 a year. If you want to earn the maximum amount you will need to establish a reputation for being a great writer, an expert in the areas you've chosen and totally reliable. While you don't necessarily need a background in journalism or a journalism degree, this would certainly help. In fact, many people who were writing for newspapers as recently as five years ago now write content for companies such as ESPN, CNN Money, Silent Sports magazine, life insurance companies and many of the country's colleges and universities.

### **Create a portfolio**

If content writing interests you, you'll need to assemble a portfolio of sample articles to demonstrate your skills and your expertise in whatever areas you've chosen to specialize in. The samples should also showcase your ability to write in several different "voices," such as technical, lighthearted, first person and academic.

### **Getting started**

You may have to write for either nothing or peanuts in order to get started and build a reputation. It's the old catch 22 that companies generally only want to use writers that have been published but how do you get assignments if you've never been published? One way to get around this is by self-publishing articles along with a personal profile on **LinkedIn**. Another is by bidding for jobs on sites such as [www.Upwork.com](http://www.Upwork.com) and [www.freelancer.com](http://www.freelancer.com). Alternately you could sell your services on Fiverr, for, well, \$5 an article but that would at least be a start. Once you have a portfolio of published articles you should be able to get \$12 to \$15 for a 600- to 800-word article.

## **14. Listen to music for money**

Do you love listening to music? Could you just sit around all day listening to music and then writing about it? If you sign up at [www.slicethepie.com](http://www.slicethepie.com) you could earn money just by listening to unsigned artists and bands online and then submitting reviews. The goal of this website when it was launched in 2007 was to help identify the best up-and-coming artists. However, it soon became the Internet's biggest music review engine that now provides on-demand crowdsourced feedback to record labels and thousands of independent artists every month.

## **How it works**

Once you register, which is a fairly simple process, you'll receive a confirmation email with a link you'll need to click to confirm your account. Following this, you'll be taken to a "Review" page. Click a button to start listening to a track and then begin typing your review immediately. Once you've listened to the track for at least 90 seconds you can rate it from 0 to 10. When you complete your review simply click on the Submit button and you'll begin listening to the next song. You will need a good Internet connection with a minimum bit rate of 300kpbs (kilobits per second).

## **Choose your genre**

You get to choose the genre that interests you so that you would hear music only in that category. For example, you could choose country, pop, hip-hop, alternative rock, classical music, grunge or easy listening. You are also allowed to change genres in the event you get tired of listening to the same type of music.

## **Listen and earn**

Slicethepie is definitely legit as it has had more than 10 million reviews submitted and has paid more than \$1 million to its reviewers. The payment you receive for your reviews will be based on their quality and your Star Rating. If you submit lengthy reviews in well-written English you'll earn more. And, of course, the better your review the bigger your bonus payment will be. Slicethepie wants its "Scouts" to leave detailed reviews and will reward them accordingly. The idea here is to provide detailed, varied and constructive comments to help new and emerging artists improve their work. A note of *caution* here is that the payments per hour of your invested time are likely to be well under minimum wage, especially before you've earned many stars. So this gig is for real music lovers with very modest income expectations.

## **How you are paid**

Slicethepie deposits the money you earn into your account and you can withdraw it via PayPal anytime you wish. The minimum withdrawal is \$10. PayPal payments generally take up to five working days to process and your reviews will be read before you are paid anything. Slicethepie makes payments twice a week.

## **15. Transcribe interviews**

Nonfiction writers and journalists often end up recording thousands of hours of interviews but don't have the time necessary to transcribe them. Thanks to the Internet, these people can just email the digital file of their audio interviews to someone like you. You listen to them, type them out and send them back attached to emails.

## **The skills you'll need**

If you want to make money transcribing interviews you need to have an Internet connection, be able to type quickly and accurately and have a good pair of headphones as this will make it much easier for you to understand the interviews. You will also need a certain amount of patience because some interviews can be very difficult to understand and you may have to go back and listen to certain sections over and over in order to get the gist of what's being said. The harsh reality is that some people are not very articulate, tend to mumble or rush through their answers. If you're the kind of person who becomes easily frustrated then transcribing interviews may not be for you.

## **What you can expect to earn**

You can probably earn from \$5 to \$40 an hour depending on how fast you can type and the type of assignments you're able to get. The site Verbal Ink ([www.verbalink.com](http://www.verbalink.com)) pays novice transcribers \$1.50 a minute so that transcribing a 30-minute interview would earn you \$45. It also pays extra if there are multiple people involved in the interview, if there's heavy background noise or if one or more of the people in the interview has a strong accent.

## **Where to go for work**

In addition to Verbalink, there is Scribe ([www.scribe.com](http://www.scribe.com)), which focuses on the medical field, and Upwork. You should be able to find work on any of these sites. One of the best things about transcribing interviews is that you can work as much or as little as you wish. Some people do this as a part-time gig to supplement their regular income while others treat this as a full-time job.

You should also be able to find work by contacting local TV stations that broadcast a lot of news, and magazines and newspapers. If you feel really enterprising you could check out book publishers' author websites, find email links or mailing addresses and offer your services to those authors. As an example of this there are literally hundreds of authors listed in [harpercollins.com/author/websites.aspx](http://harpercollins.com/author/websites.aspx). Of course, you would want to contact only non-fiction authors as they are most likely to need to have interviews transcribed.

## **15. Host dinners**

If you love to cook and are pretty good at it here's a gig you should really enjoy. The idea behind it is pretty simple. You put on dinners for locals and travelers from around the world and get paid to do it. You get to choose the price per guest the time and date and the number of people you are ready to serve. In short, you're both the chef and the boss.

The website that makes this possible is [www.eatwith.com](http://www.eatwith.com). If you believe your hospitality and cooking is world-class, this website gives you a platform to become an entrepreneur and express your creativity. This is usually called “social dining” and is very hot right now. You could use EatWith to make some extra money or you might be able to – as some people have – turn it into a full-time occupation, possibly in combination with off site catering or personal chef services

### **Connect with foodies**

EatWith is truly a social community made up of food enthusiasts from all over the globe. However, it's available in only 150 cities so you need to check its locations to make sure you live in one of them. For example, here in the US Eatwith is available in Los Angeles, Miami, Las Vegas, Chicago, San Francisco and 16 other cities. However, it is growing quickly so that if your city is not on its current list, don't give up hope. It may be added very shortly.

The EatWith platform supports anyone who has the cooking "chops." The website is used by professional chefs to preview new concepts, develop menus or just get back to their roots by connecting with their most loyal customers. Amateur chefs use Eatwith to stage a fun dinner party, mock cocktails (see below) or to earn extra income.

### **How much could you expect to earn with EatWith?**

There is no simple answer to this because how much you can earn will depend on how many people you can comfortably feed at one time and how much you charge for your events. To take one example, a Saturday Night Paleo Tasting menu priced at \$57 per person was hosted by a professional chef with more than 18 years of experience. He was able to seat 58 people so he grossed more than \$3300. Of course, even he had to pay for the ingredients, and nobody can expect to do this well when just starting out. You also probably couldn't host this many people. Other recent events included a Mock-tail party in Las Vegas at a suggested donation of \$40 and a raw cacao chocolate class that was priced at \$50 per guest. As you can see from these examples, the secret to success with EatWith is to come up with a fun concept – like Paleo eating – and to have or acquire the skills necessary to bring it off.

### **Where things get a bit hazy**

What's difficult to tell from the EatWith website is what you would need to do to become a host. If you go to the site and click on “Be an EatWith host” you'll see a pop-up that says EatWith is growing fast and accepting applications to be a host in the following locations. If you find your city on the list and click on it you'll end up at a sign-up form. We don't know what happens after you complete the form or sign up through Facebook.

## **16. Earn cash by being a friend**

Have you ever heard the old adage that you can't buy friendship? Well, these days you can. The website Rent a Friend (<https://rentafriend.com/beafriend>) will pay you anywhere from \$10 up to \$50 per hour just to be someone's friend. Plus, you can get free concerts, free meals, free sporting events and even more.

### **What is Rent a Friend?**

Rent a Friend promotes itself as a unique website where you can place a free profile of yourself and advertise your friendship. It is not a dating website. Instead, it says it's the only website where you can get paid to rent out your friendship. It claims that there are millions of people in the world who want to make new friends, learn new talents or to just have someone with whom they can attend activities and events. What makes it great for you is that these people are willing to pay money for you to accommodate them, teach them that new skill or just be their friend.

### **How to get started**

According to the Rent a Friend Website the way you get started is by filling out an application. Once you're approved, which is generally within an hour of signing up, your profile goes live on Rentafriend.com. People looking for friends search on their ZIP Code or city/state/country for friends living in their area. If they decide they would like to contact you they sign up on the Rentafriend site and then contact you directly to set a time, date, location, activity and price. You can negotiate all the details with your new "friend" and are paid directly by him or her.

### **How much can you expect to earn?**

This will be entirely up to you and how much time you want to spend being a friend. There have been Friends making over \$2000 a week doing this full time. On the other hand other Friends who do it just on weekends and make more like \$300 to \$500. The Rent a Friend website includes an estimated income chart that will give you some idea of how much you might be able to earn.

### **The activities you might you be hired for**

Rent a Friend reports that its members have paid friends to attend sporting events, concerts, special VIP events and much more. Other things the site's Friends have been contracted for include traveling, family functions, going to the beach, snowboarding, business events, museums, religious events and even going to casinos.

## **It's free to be a Friend**

Rent a Friend charges nothing for becoming listed as a Friend. However, the people who want to get a Friend are charged a small fee to access its website.

## **17. Drive people around**

The ride sharing service [Lyft](#) says it can help you earn about \$35 an hour just for driving people around. This service is an alternative to taxis and one of the best things about it is that as a Lyft driver you get to work when you want to and for as many hours a week as you choose.

### **The way it works**

This is yet another way to make money made possible by smartphones. You download the Lyft app, turn it on in Driver Mode and then get notified when there is someone near you needing a ride. Passengers are required to provide valid credit card information for identity verification purposes and to pay for their trips. You get 80% of your passengers' payments, which is deposited into your account weekly. If you get tipped, which is usually the case, you get to keep the entire amount. You can earn more money if you choose to drive during Prime Time or peak hours.

### **How much you could expect to earn with Lyft?**

We think Lyft's claim that its drivers earn about \$35 an hour might be a bit inflated. But if you take the site at its word and you drive just 10 hours a week, you would gross \$350, plus tips. Drive 20 hours a week and you would double this. But you would be an independent contractor, which means would be required to pay for your gas and oil and your car's maintenance costs. So you need to subtract those costs from that \$35 an hour to determine how much you would actually net.

### **What's required to drive for Lyft?**

If you want to drive for Lift you must be at least 21 years old, have an iPhone or android phone and undergo a DMV check. Lyft will do a national and county background check. You will need to have a social security number in addition to your in-state driver's license that must be at least one year old. Lyft also requires that your car have four external door handles and at least five total seatbelts. You must be the covered party on your automobile's in-state insurance and have in-state license plates. Lyft will confirm everything when they do a 19-point vehicle inspection. Cars also have age requirements that vary from state to state.

## Insurance protection

Lyft offers its drivers additional insurance at no cost. This includes commercial auto liability insurance up to \$1 million per occurrence, contingent collision insurance for drivers who carry collision coverage on their personal auto policies and coverage for bodily injury caused by an uninsured/underinsured motorist when you're engaged in giving a ride.

## Not available everywhere

Unfortunately Lyft it is not available in every US city. You need to [click here](#) to see a list of those cities where it is available. If you do not live in one of them, Lyft won't be for you, but its competitor **Uber** operates in many more cities, and now in Austin, TX and Boston there's also **Fasten**, which offers a helpful in-app chat feature to better communicate with your customers.

## Then there's Uber

[Uber](#) works about the same way as Lyft in that you download an app to your smart phone that tells you when there's someone near you needing a ride. Again like Lyft, you can drive for Uber when you choose and for whatever number of hours a week you want to work. Your passengers pay Uber's trip charges via their credit cards and you get a percentage of them. You also get to keep any tips you receive. Uber is not available in every city in the US. If you [click here](#) you'll go to a list of cities where it is available, which is many more than for Lyft. We assume that Uber has about the same requirements for its drivers as Lyft though you would have to register in order to learn what they are.

## 18. Teach people a language

Do you know Japanese, Spanish, French, Italian or some other language? Then you could use this skill to earn extra money. The language learning social network italki (<http://www.italki.com/>) lets you set your own prices, teach whenever it's convenient and work from your home or anywhere there's an Internet connection.

### How it works

When you sign up to teach on italki you will need to qualify to teach the language of your choice. italki students, which number over 1.5 million, can find you by browsing their database of teachers. Students will contact you through italki to book online teaching sessions via Skype or free VoIP software. All marketing, scheduling, payment and student management is handled by italki leaving you to focus on teaching. It costs you nothing to teach on italki.

## **What you'll need**

All you need to teach on italki is a computer or tablet device connected to the Internet, a headset and Webcam. And, of course, you need to be able to work with your students via Skype or another free VoIP program.

## **Getting started**

To get started teaching on italki you'll need to first create an introduction video and a teacher profile. This profile is important because students will decide whether or not to take a lesson with you based on it. You need to spend some time optimizing your information. A good profile will have no spelling mistakes, a high-quality professional profile picture and a video introduction. You will also need to create your teaching schedule and list your teaching specialties. You will be expected to teach in your native language to adult learners. If you have other experience or specialties you will list them in Teaching Specialties. These Specialties will appear as tags that students can search on. For example, if you were willing to teach beginners, you would use the "Beginners" tag to let potential students know that you would be available to teach them.

## **How you get paid**

When you teach, you earn italki Credits (ITC), which is a virtual currency. One of these is equivalent to one dollar US. Your students purchase italki credits with their credit cards such as MasterCard, Visa, PayPal, Allpay or other forms of payment. You can withdraw your italki credits into cash anytime you wish. You receive your payments via PayPal, Allpay, Webmoney or Moneybookers (Skrill).

## **19. Earn money by shopping**

If you're typical you buy some of your stuff online. So why not earn some extra cash in the process? The website Ibotta (<https://ibotta.com/>) makes it possible for you to do just this.

### **How it works**

First select one of Ibotta's Rebate Categories or use Search and choose a nearby retailer. Browse Ibotta rebates and then complete one or more fun tasks to unlock cash. The more of these tasks you complete, the more money you will unlock. Keep in mind that the rebates will expire so don't forget to redeem them before they disappear.

There are two ways to get cash from Ibotta. The first is by shopping online. Just press the Shop Now button on Ibotta.com and then visit your favorite retailer's website and make purchases. Ibotta will verify your purchase within five days and the money will be deposited into your account within two weeks.

## **Go shopping**

The second way is to go shopping at the physical stores of any of Ibotta's 80 supported retailers and buy the products you unlocked. However, before you go shopping you will need to connect either your loyalty card or phone number to one of Ibotta's preferred partners. Complete some simple tasks and then go shopping. When you checkout use your loyalty card or phone number. Ibotta will deposit the cash into your account within 48 hours.

## **Earn cash not points**

Unlike some loyalty programs Ibotta pays cash and not points. You have the option of having your earnings transferred to a PayPal or Venmo account as soon as you've earned \$10. Or you could choose to convert them into a gift card.

## **Earn even more**

If you join Ibotta through Facebook all your friends will automatically be added to your team. The more people on your team the easier it is to earn Teamwork bonuses each and every month. Ibotta offers Promo codes or special coupons, deals or codes that will earn you extra savings in addition to your rebates. It also offers extra cash back with Bonuses, which is where you buy featured products, complete certain tasks or redeem items at specific retailers.

## **How much could you expect to earn?**

That's a hard question to answer because there is no specific answer. How much you earn with Ibotta will depend on a number of different factors. Browse the website for examples of the cash back available on grocery items. If these are the kinds of things that are on your weekly shopping list anyway, then buying them could earn you quick cash back.

Also, if you go online to individual retailers like Nike.com, UnderArmour.com, and Lacoste.com you can find cash back deals.

## **20. Sell stuff online**

It's easy to sell things through [Amazon](#), [eBay](#), [CaféPress](#) or [Zazzle](#).

On Amazon or eBay, you can set up your own store. Creating an Amazon store is just amazingly simple. Creating one on eBay is a bit more complicated but you could hire professional help to get yours started. As an example of this you could buy a professional Dynamic Shop Package and get free installation for something like \$29.99. While you can't create stores on either Zazzle or CaféPress you can upload and sell items on these sites.

## **Amazon.com**

One of the great things about creating an Amazon store is that you could sell anything Amazon offers, which is literally hundreds of thousands of different products. However, most successful Amazon resellers choose a specific niche such as baby clothes, woodworking tools, collectible toys, women's' purses and so on. That way when prospective buyers search on a term such as woodworking tools they're likely to end up on your item.

## **EBay.com**

EBay is very similar to Amazon. Buyers search on a term and get results in the form of several or even dozens of pages of listings. One thing that makes eBay different is that sometimes you'll see a sentence similar to "Thank you for choosing XYZ computer. We look forward to making you a satisfied customer – Check out my other items." Click on that link and you would go to the seller's store. Unfortunately, Amazon.com does not do this. When you click an item on Amazon you'll get information about the item but not a link to your store.

## **Café Press**

The way you make money on this site is by creating and uploading designs. Café Press then sells your designs on a collection of products such as coffee mugs, pillows and smartphone cases. If CaféPress customers like your design and buy products that use it you earn a commission.

## **Zazzle**

If you are an artist, graphic designer or photographer or make or manufacture personalized or customizable products, Zazzle would be a great place for you to sell your work. The way it works is you upload your artwork or products. If you choose to upload artwork you can sell hundreds of different Zazzle products that feature it. When people buy them, Zazzle manufactures and ships the products for you. You get to set your royalty rates that can be from 5% to 99%.

## **You'll have to spend money to make money**

The one downside of selling online products is that you'll need to advertise them. Whether you sell stuff through Zazzle or have an Amazon store people are not going to arrive there without some prompting. You will need to be prepared to spend money mining what are called Adwords, which are those little four-line ads you see in the right column when you search Google. The way you buy AdWords is on an auction basis so the more popular the word you want to buy the more it will cost you.

## **21. Be a field agent/Gigwalking**

No, in this case it's not like working for the CIA where you'd be skulking around in dark alleys trying to ferret out terrorist plots. Or dropping encrypted notes in

neighborhood mailboxes. This is where you would be paid to do various tasks around town for the clients of [www.fieldagent.net](http://www.fieldagent.net) or [www.gigwalk.com](http://www.gigwalk.com). These companies' business plan is providing clients with people to perform small tasks in their neighborhood, like photographing a display in a store. The way you would earn money is by doing assigned tasks for the company.

## **What you would do**

There are many types of information that field agents collect. In some cases you might be required to take photographs that would be used to verify information, capture people's in-store experiences or how products are used. You might also be tasked to perform surveys and collect opinions. Fieldagent.net uses classic research-specific questioning on the Likert scale as well as multiple choice, multiple select, ranking, five-star rating, freeform etc. In the case of data assignments, field agents typically use classic data collection methodology married to technology such as barcode scanning to ensure the quality of the data. As a field agent for either of these websites, you might also be tasked to obtain feedback from a company's core customers on products or services at the Point of Influence <sup>TM</sup>.

## **How to get started**

If you think you would like to be a field agent your first step would be to download and install the Field Agent app. Next, you would complete your field agent profile where you'll be prompted to answer a few profile questions. The company makes it clear that you need to complete the questions accurately as this is critical to making sure you see the right jobs in the system and in your area. The process for signing up with Gigwalk is probably similar.

On the main navigation window in the Field Agent App you would next click on the "Find Jobs" button to go to the "Jobs List." If you see a job (task) that interests you click on it for additional details and then accept it. Once you do this you will have two hours to complete the task. This means it's a really good idea to be sure you're near the objective (store or other retail outlet) before you accept the task.

## **How much are field agents paid?**

Field agent.net jobs generally pay between three dollars and \$12 each. The money you earn will be stored in your Field Agent account until you decide you to withdraw it, which you can do anytime your balance is above \$2. When you cash out you can have the money sent to your PayPal or Dwolla account. As examples of the tasks available and how much they pay, there have been listings for items such as a Hair Care Shelf Audit at \$3, a Breakfast Menu Photo audit at \$5 and checking Men's Care Special displays at \$2.90.

## How much could you realistically expect to earn?

We suppose that theoretically you could earn \$30 a day if you were able to complete six tasks at five dollars each. However, Fieldagent.net's jobs tend to fluctuate depending on what its clients need. You might earn \$30 the first few days and then not see another job in your area for several weeks. So, it's highly unlikely this would ever turn into a full-time gig. However, if you were to combine it with other gigs like CashCrate.com or transcribing interviews you could earn a nice bit of extra cash – working out of your home and basically on your own schedule.

## 22. Do odd jobs

Can you repair computers, do basic plumbing jobs, do landscaping, paint houses, build cabinets or rewire a room? If so, you should do a search on Task Rabbit, <https://www.taskrabbit.com/> or [Craigslist](#). Task Rabbit is an on-demand errand-running service that matches workers with odd jobs including furniture assembly, dry cleaning pick up and delivery and online research.

Where we live there are Craigslist postings by web designers, photographers, piano tuners, architectural designers, tax experts, bookkeepers and math tutors as well as ...

- Product design and development
- Tailoring/alterations
- Window cleaning
- Flooring installation
- Move out house cleaning
- Construction accounting
- Carpet cleaning
- Garage door service and replacement
- Massage therapy
- Private taxi service
- Notary services
- Roofing installation

And the list goes on and on for both Task Rabbit and Craigslist.

### Do some marketing

You could and should list your services on Task Rabbit or Craigslist and make sure you refresh your listing periodically. You should also be prepared to market yourself and not just sit around waiting for your phone to ring. One way to do this would be to put a small classified ad in your community newspaper, create flyers describing your services and perhaps hire a teenager to distribute them. Be sure to spread the word that you're looking for odd jobs with friends and family

members, at your church or any social organization you belong to and don't forget about real estate agents in your neighborhood, as they often know people who are putting their houses on the market and need to have preparatory work done..

### **How much could you expect to earn?**

This is another one of those areas where there is no hard and fast answer. This will depend on how much work you want to do in a given week and what you will be able to charge for your services. This is only a rough measuring stick but we've used one handyman who charges a flat \$200 a day. That breaks down to \$25 an hour, which we think is quite reasonable given the quality of his work and his attention to detail. Plus, he can do just about anything. If you do work that requires serious skills such as installing a spa or an electrical service, you should be able to charge at least \$40 an hour. And again you would be your own boss and could set your hours based when you want to work.

### **23. Earn money just by sharing your opinions**

You probably have opinions about a multitude of different things. A wise person once commented that opinions are like noses – everybody has one. But did you know that you could get paid for sharing yours? While this won't make you a millionaire you could earn extra cash and it would only take a few minutes of your time. There are three websites looking for people's' opinions. They are: Swagbucks, Opinion Outpost and Vindale Research. Here's how they work and what you could earn.

#### [Swagbucks](#)

This website pays you in the form of free gift cards and rewards for watching videos, shopping online, taking surveys, shopping at your favorite stores and more. It has awarded a total of over \$100M to its members. It's free to join Swagbucks and once you do you'll just do the things you would normally do online which would include searching the web, answering polls, watching videos, playing games and shopping. When you do this you'll accumulate points that you can then redeem for your choice gift cards. In addition, you will complete special offers, invite friends to join and vote in daily polls.

#### [Opinion Outpost](#)

Opinion Outpost is more focused than Swagbucks as it offers cash, and rewards just for answering online surveys. The way it works is similar to Swapbucks because when you complete its surveys you accumulate points that you can then redeem for cash or gift vouchers to popular brands. It's free to sign up for Opinion Outpost and once you do you could find yourself being paid to complete surveys about medicine, sports, all electronics, politics, adds, appliances or even what

you had for breakfast. The reason that you get paid to do this is that companies value your opinions and will reward you for sharing them. Opinion Outpost gives you two options for participating – by email or by logging into its website. It is unlike other survey companies in that it offers a quarterly prize draw that can amount to as much as \$10,000.

### [Vindale Research](#)

This company pays cash for you to take online surveys. You earn a \$2 bonus just for signing up and then earn money every time you take a survey. How much you would earn will depend on the survey. For example it once had a healthcare/pharmaceutical survey on its website that paid \$25. There was also a beverage preferences survey that paid \$5.60 and a cable TV and cell phone usage survey that paid \$1.35. There is a referral program where you would be paid for each person you refer to Vindale and a section called Daily Deals where you could make even more money.

## **24. Write articles and sell them for cash**

This is different than being a content writer. If you write content for websites you must write articles on topics you're assigned on a pre-set schedule. For example, if you write content for a website devoted to healthy eating you would write articles about healthy eating meeting certain deadlines. By contrast, this is where you write unique articles on topics you choose and then submit them to websites. All that's required is to be a decent writer and have a PayPal account to receive your payments.

In the case of the website [ArticleSale.com](#) you post articles, which the website then promotes. If someone buys your article ArticleSale delivers it and then pays you after it has received payment. The ArticleSale website lists a number of categories that you could write articles for including business and e-commerce, real estate, shopping, product reviews and many others.

[Constant Content](#) works a bit differently than ArticleSale. It allows websites that need content to request specifically what they want by providing instructions and setting a budget. Or they can buy already existing articles by browsing its database of more than 100,000 titles on just about any topic. As an example of this, Constant Content has listed articles titled "Why You Should Replace Your Sliding Glass Patio Doors with French Doors" for \$57 or best offer, "5 Tips to Balance Work and Family" for \$27, "Five Life Habits of a Personal Assistant" for \$27 and "Will Green Fuel Replace Fossil Fuel in Time to Save the Planet?" for \$90.

To be a writer for Constant Contact you must be able to create good quality content. You will need to submit articles with introductions and conclusions that

provide useful information. Your articles must be free of sentence structure errors, errors in grammar and errors in punctuation. If they pass this test they will then be listed on the Constant Contact website and you will be paid when people purchase them.

### **How much would you earn writing for cash?**

This is a gig that could actually turn into a full-time job assuming that you're a very good and very fast writer. If you could crank out 10 articles a day or 50 a week and half of them sold you could earn as much as \$500 a week, \$2000 a month or more – once you establish a reputation for providing good, unique content. Of course, both of these sites are bit of a craps shoot. You could post 10 well written articles only to find a month later that not one of them had sold. However, if you have a knack for creativity and can create articles with engaging titles you could make money writing for either of these sites.

## **25. Do drop shipping**

This can be an excellent and easy way to earn extra cash because you never are required to do any packing and shipping. However, you will need to set up a website of your own in order to handle any regular volume of transactions. Here's how it works. You choose products to sell on sites like eBay and mark them up. Here's an example: you list a computer mouse on eBay for \$15 that the drop shipper is selling for \$10. When it sells, you send the drop shipper your buyer's information along with the \$10 and keep the \$5 for yourself. The drop shipper then sends the mouse to your buyer. You could literally have 10 or 20 of those mice listed and end up earning as much as \$100 for having done very little. In fact, eBay now makes it so easy to list items that you could probably have 20 different items listed in less than an hour.

The website [Watchmen Advisors](#) has a free list of verified drop shipping suppliers. As an example of this it lists drop shippers in the categories of kids toys, jewelry, electronics, sporting goods, health and fitness, home and garden, gifts and collectibles, silk plants and flowers, automotive and many others. You can get a complete list of these drop shippers by filling out a simple form. Choose the ones that interest you and start listing items.

Watchmen Advisors also provides Internet marketing consulting and tips and training for small businesses in general. You could talk with one of its people to get help with your drop shipping projects. It offers marketing eCourses that would teach you what you need to know to succeed online that are both free and paid. An example of these courses is one titled Income Automation where you would learn the core income automation principles you would need to create as many recurring streams of income as you would like.

## **How to make money drop shipping**

Experts in this business say that the best way to make money with drop shipping is to find niche products that are *not* over-saturated with competition. You should actually be knowledgeable about the products that you are trying to sell. Let's suppose that you are into photography. It would be a mistake to sell digital SLR's because the competition is huge and fierce. What you might do instead is sell memory cards or tripods.

### **You will need a website**

If you really want to make money drop shipping you won't just list items on eBay. You will need to have an online store (website). You will also need a shopping cart platform to process your orders. Three of the best of these are Zen Cart, Open Cart and Magento.

### **Spend money to make money**

Finally, if you want to really make money through drop shipping be prepared to spend money in advertising. This could take the form of Google AdWords, banner ads on appropriate websites or some of the many other ways it's possible to advertise products on the Internet.

## **26. Sell your photographs**

There was a time and it wasn't very long ago when if you wanted to sell your photos you needed to have a studio and dark room. Now, thanks to digital photography all you really need is a camera. There are numerous sites that will buy photographs. Of course, the better photographer you are the more photos you would sell. This can be a nice source of passive income. There are people who have earned several hundred dollars selling just one photo over and over. You automatically own the copyright to your own photos.

### **How this works**

There are a number of different websites where you can sell your photos. Four of the most popular of these are [Shutterstock](#), [123RF](#), [Dreamstime](#) and [Crestock](#). How all of these websites work is about the same. You open an account build a portfolio of your images and then upload them. Once you've uploaded your images there are tools you can use to describe and keyword them. The site's editors then evaluate your submissions. If they accept your images they are then added to the site's portfolio and you earn a royalty on any images that are sold. This can vary from just \$.25 to \$120. In some cases your images will be priced based on the size of the image the buyer purchases. Or as is the case with

Shutterstock, buyers can choose to download two images for \$29. five images for \$49 or 750 images for \$199 a month in a professional plan.

### **Where you would sell your photos**

One of your first and most important decisions will be deciding where to sell your images. If you were a product photographer then your best bet would be a micro stock agency. If you do fine art photos then sites such as Red Stubble and Etsy might be better suited to your style. There are almost a countless number of micros stock agencies. When choosing one be sure to read everything including all the fine print so you'll know exactly what your rights are, what commissions the site pays and its guidelines. However, when you're just getting started it's probably better to go with one of the big, well-established agencies such as [iStockPhoto \(based in Canada\)](#), [Shutterstock](#) or [Fotolia](#)

### **How much you could expect to earn**

Selling photos is much like selling articles you write. You could earn a great deal or you could make very little extra cash. If you provide really great, unique images of topical subjects you could earn anywhere from \$100 to \$1000 a month. On the other hand, you could earn very little. But if you love photography, then selling your photos would be rewarding in more ways than just cash.

## **27. Earn Cash Writing Freelance**

The term freelance originally was used to describe a "medieval mercenary warrior" or "free-lance" (indicating that the lance is not sworn to any lord's services). Today, it is a term commonly used for a person who is self-employed and is not necessarily committed to a particular employer long-term. Typical of this are freelance writers or people who are self-employed and write or do other work for a variety of companies.

If you enjoy writing and are fairly good at it there are several websites where you could find work. Two of the largest of these are [UpWork](#), and [Freelancer](#).

### **How this works**

All of these sites work about the same way. You register, sign on and then see a list of postings or the jobs available. These generally include content writing, financial writing, blogger writing, copywriting, ghostwriting and numerous other types of writing jobs. When you click on one of these listings you will be taken to a page with a description of the job, the compensation, the employment type, skills required and any other relevant information. If the job looks interesting you then submit a proposal (Upwork) or a bid (Freelancer).

## **How you get paid**

This, too, varies from website to website. Upwork pays by direct deposit to your checking account or via PayPal. Freelancer pays only by direct deposit (wire transfer) to your bank account.

## **How much could you earn as a freelance writer?**

The jobs posted on these websites usually pay by article or by the project. Writing an article might pay as little as \$5 for a simple, 400-word blog post or as much as \$50 for a very technical 2,000 word article. There are also projects, which typically pay by the hour and can be for just a few months or ongoing (for several years) for fixed amounts.

How much you would actually earn as a freelance writer will depend on a number of variables such as your reputation, the types of jobs you are able to get and how fast you can write. We know of one husband and wife couple that grosses more than \$120,000 a year. We saw another stat that about one-third of respondents (freelance writers) reported they earned \$70 an hour or more, and another 23 percent earned \$50-\$70 an hour. So it is definitely possible to earn some nice cash as a freelance writer – once you get the hang of things.

## **28. Teach online**

Are you skilled at computer programming? Making money online? Brewing the perfect cup of coffee? Are you an expert at pottery making? Are you fluent in French, Spanish or Mandarin? Can you create smart phone apps? Whatever it is that you're an expert at you could turn into extra cash by teaching it online.

### **Where to go to teach**

Three of the most popular of these websites are [Udemy](#), [Skillfeed](#) and [Skillshare](#). As an example of the courses offered by these sites, Skillshare has courses in Pattern Design, Email Marketing Essentials, Hand Lettering and Creating Motion (video) Content You Can Sell. Topics available on Skillfeed run the gamut from Using 123D Autodesk to Outsourcing Secrets Revealed and from How To Quickly Make Powerful Photographic Portraits to Learning Adwords. With Udemy there are courses in PHP (computer coding) For Beginners, The Complete Web Developer Course, Getting Started With Excel and approximately 30,000 others. So as you can see, you could teach just about anything.

### **How to get started**

In the case of Udemy you first enter the title of the course you would like to teach and then click on Create Course. This takes you to a page where you fill in your

name, email address and create a password. The next step is a page that will help you plan, produce and promote your course – and off you go.

With Skillshare you type in the name of the class you want to teach and then sign in or create an account. This website also offers a Teach Handbook to help you get started, design your class and film it.

Skillfeed works about the same way as Skillshare. You first fill in your email address and a password and click on Sign Up then create a profile, jump through a few more hoops and then upload your video.

### **How much you could earn teaching online**

This will depend on several factors including the site you choose, the subject or subjects you teach and, of course, how many students you can attract. All three of these websites offer courses in the form of videos that you upload. You price your course(s) yourself. Courses on Udemy sell for anywhere from \$25 to over \$200

Skillshare does not sell individual courses. Instead people become members. Each month its teachers get a share of the site's revenue, which is doled out in the form of royalties.

Skillfeed's payment model is similar to that of Skillshare. Students pay a monthly subscription fee. Instructors get paid according to the amount of time their content is viewed.

### **How much could you earn?**

One of the best things about teaching online is that it's totally passive income once your course video is complete. You upload your video course and that's it. Theoretically that course could still be earning you money three years from now while you haven't done anything further. The people who earn the most teaching online know that the secret is having a lot of videos and with the same ones on at least two of these sites. Do this and you could easily earn several hundred dollars a month or more.

## **29. Be a nanny or other part-time domestic caregiver**

Families today are increasingly being headed by two working parents. In March, 2013 the Pew Research Center reported that roughly 60% of two parent households with children under the age of 18 have two working parents. What this means is that there is an increasing need for nannies or people who will get the kids to school, get them their lunches, pick them up after school and keep them safely occupied until one or both parents get home. If this job appeals to you there are several sites offering nanny positions. [Care.com](http://Care.com) and [ABCnannies](http://ABCnannies). Both list nanny jobs. Care.com also lists jobs caring for elderly people and even

pets. Nanny positions can be exclusively childcare, or include light housework and running errands, or rise to the level of household management.

### **What's required to be a nanny**

First and foremost you need to enjoy taking care of and working with children. Second, you would likely be required to pass a background check and provide references if possible. To work through **ABCnannies** you would need to have at a minimum two years of professional, verifiable experience, a reliable vehicle, a valid driver's license and proof of auto insurance. You also need CPR and first aid certification and you must be at least 18 years old and a high school graduate.

### **How to find nanny jobs**

In addition to the two websites mentioned above, there are other websites for finding a nanny job. [Sittercity](#) lets you create a free profile and then find jobs. The [Nanny Network, a boutique placement agency](#), will help you both find and land a job. It offers information on working through a nanny agency, an online nanny service or for findings jobs on your own. However, it does not include a job listing. [Nannies4Hire](#) is an agency. You create a profile. If a family sees and likes your profile it will contact you for an interview. Other well-respected sites for finding nanny jobs are [eNannySource.com](#) and [Babysitters4hire.com](#). Many of these operate Facebook pages as well as websites.

### **How much would you earn as a nanny?**

According to the website [nannytaxprep.com](#), the national average gross weekly salary for full-time live-out nannies is over \$700 while the national average gross weekly salary for a full-time live-in nanny is in the mid \$600s. Full-time nannies with less than 1 year of nanny experience earned on average in the \$500s gross per week.

## **30. Get paid for testing websites**

If you spent hours or even days creating a website, wouldn't you want to know how useful it is? If so you wouldn't be alone. There are companies as well as individuals that are routinely looking for feedback on their websites' usability. And you can earn money doing just that. If you enjoy Internet browsing what could be better than getting paid for it.

### **Where to earn money as a website tester**

One of the top sites for making money doing user testing is, of course, [UserTesting.com](#). Some of its clients include, believe it or not, Google, Wal-Mart, Microsoft, eBay, Yahoo, Airbnb and Home Depot. This site pays \$10 for every

20-minute session you complete. You'll visit websites or apps, complete a set of tasks and speak your thoughts aloud while providing honest feedback. As you're visiting the site or the app, your screen will be recorded to track your clicks and your mouse movements. While your voice will be recorded your face won't be.

Other websites where you can earn money doing user testing include [Analysisia](#). It contacts you by email when it has tasks. Each of the tasks you would be assigned will require you to read some instructions, complete the task set on the appropriate website and record your session. A task set usually takes between 10 to 15 minutes and pays \$10. The site [Enroll](#) will also send an email when it has assignments for you. These assignments vary in nature and so does the pay. As an example of this you could be assigned a task that takes less than a minute but pays only \$.10. Of course, you would earn a lot more with lengthier, more complicated tasks.

Finally, there is [StartUpLift](#). As you might guess from its name, this company specializes in usability testing for startup companies. These companies provide their website URLs and assign tasks they would like people to complete and then provide responses. Like some of these other sites StartUpLift requires you to provide feedback and pays \$5 for each one that's accepted. If you're fast you could submit up to five feedbacks in a day and earn \$25.

It's important to understand that this is definitely a first come, first served proposition because whenever a new startup is listed for feedback that's how StartUpLift accepts submissions. So if you're late to the party you can expect your submission won't be accepted. If your submissions are accepted the cash you've earned will be transferred to your PayPal account every week.

### **Another home computer-based gig : Customer Service Rep**

Many large companies in medical services and other industries are now hiring customer service representatives to work part time from home and handle voice telephone communications and/or online live chat requests. Ask your friends and relatives with corporate jobs about whether their companies hire off-site customer service reps.

## **31. Be a "looker"**

Has the thought ever occurred to you that you could get paid just for going and looking at something? Well, you can thanks to the website <http://www.wegolook.com>.

It actually has something like 15,000 "lookers." Many of them are schoolteachers, process servers, retired veterans, mobile notaries, pastors and other people looking to earn extra money in today's crowdsourcing and sharing economy.

## **How it works**

The way it works is pretty simple. You go to the website and fill out an application. You will be required to pass a background check and download the WeGoLook mobile app. When you get an assignment you will need to dress in a professional manner and when you work with onsite contacts you must be friendly and able to perform your "Looks" via smartphone.

When you see a job on the app you need to be the first to claim it. The site says, "In general, you will be provided the location of the item or property involved and contact information for the seller or owner, who will be expecting a call from you. You will quickly make contact and arrange to meet. Once there, you will take a few digital pictures, and answer a few simple questions off a checklist. You will then log on to your personal dashboard on our website, upload the pictures, and complete a short report." You will earn somewhere between \$25 and \$200.

## **What are some of the typical "Looks"?**

You could be asked to look at an apartment or home for an out-of-town buyer or renter and take videos. You could be tasked to look at a vintage car on eBay or a cool retro couch that's 1,000 miles away from the buyer. For that matter, you could be tasked to check out a potential date because, well, people don't always tell the truth on those dating sites. Beyond these examples you could be tasked to go look at just about anything you can imagine. What this amounts to is it allows the website's customers to be basically in two places at once.

## **How you're paid**

WeGoLook pays by direct deposit, PayPal, and by check. However there is a \$15 processing fee if you want to be paid by check, as it must be mailed from Oklahoma. If you choose to be paid via PayPal you should receive the money in three to four hours. ACH or direct deposit takes three business days and if you want to be paid by check for some reason it will take up to 10 business days.

## **How much you could earn**

Like many of the other gigs described in this report the answer to this question is, it all depends. It will depend on how many tasks you can land and what they pay. Unfortunately, these are variables that you have no control over. If you're quick and lucky you might land five Looks a week at \$25 per look or a total of \$125 – just for looking at things and reporting about them. Couple this with one of the other gigs such as testing websites and it seems to us that you could easily earn several hundred dollars a week and with just a few hours of work.

## **32. Recycle old mobile devices**

If you're like many people you have old cell phones or tablets just sitting around that you could turn into cash by selling them. Maybe there is an old blackberry that you replaced with an Android or iPhone or even an old iPad you replaced last year. You can find out how much these would be worth on the website [Gazelle](#). If you'd like to save money on a newer phone you can buy one on the site that's been certified pre-owned. How much are used phones worth?

The simple answer is not as much as you paid for them. After all, the phone is used and may be several generations behind those that are being sold today. Here are a couple of examples of what you could expect to get for phones on Gazelle in 2015: You could sell that old blackberry where AT&T was the carrier and that is in good condition for \$20. But a Blackberry Z30 that was on Verizon is worth \$75. The HG Nitro HD P930 on AT&T is worth only \$6 but a G3 VS985 in Verizon is worth \$90. Gazelle will buy a Samsung Note 3 VS985 on AT&T that' in good condition for \$100 and the same for a Samsung Galaxy Note 3 SM-N900V where Verizon was the carrier.

### **Got an old tablet?**

Gazelle also buys tablets and computers. Back in 2015, it was paying \$160 for first generation iPad Airs with 16GB, Wi-Fi and 4 LTE on AT&T. The same iPad with 32GB will fetch \$170. Gazelle will buy a 32GB, 8.9" Kindle Fire with 4LTE for \$30 (remember that they cost a lot less than iPad Airs) and an Asus Eee Pad Transformer Prime TF201 for \$10.

### **Apple computers**

Gazelle will buy Apple computers – iMacs, Mac Minis, MacBook Pros and MacPros. However, it's very difficult to give sample prices for computers because there are so many variables involved such as size of hard drive, amount of memory, software update, etc. But if you have an Apple computer you're no longer using it might pay you to go to the Gazelle site and check out what you might be able to sell it for.

### **Not the only player**

While Gazelle is a very popular site for selling used iPhones and tablets, it's not the only player in this space. Other websites that will buy them include [Swappa](#), [Usell](#) and [ClarkHoward](#), which says it will give you the most money for your used cell phone.

### **Check with your friends and family members**

You don't have to stop with just selling your own old cell phone and tablets either. Talk with your friends and family members as they may have old cell phones just

gathering dust. If they are really close family members – think mom and dad – they might just give you those old phones to sell. Otherwise you might have to offer to cut that friend or family member in on the deal. But, hey, it's still way to earn extra cash.

### **33. Organize estate or yard sales**

Garage” sales are okay but doesn't estate sale just sound better? Whether you choose to have an estate, garage or yard sale there's definitely money to be made. Of course, what you'll want to sell is stuff you're no longer using. If you go through your garage, basement and closets, we bet you'll find a lot of things you either don't need anymore or aren't using. If you have children there's probably a treasure trove of toys they're outgrown. Any tools you no longer use? How about those folding tables you bought for a party two years ago and haven't used since? Your closet's probably full of clothes you just don't like or wear anymore. Maybe you even have some old furniture tucked away in a corner of your basement that you've practically forgotten about. Do you have a bunch of books you've already read? Why not make them part of the yard sale?

#### **Tips for having a successful yard sale**

You will need to advertise your sale in your city's **Craigslist**. You'll also want to put out signs but you need to be careful that there isn't an HOA restriction where you live that would prevent this. Experts in this area say all your sign needs to say is Sale with an arrow pointing towards your house. You should post them at major intersections near where you live. If you're not close to major intersections you may have to post additional signs to keep people directed to your house. Once you have your signs posted, ask your spouse or partner to drive by them to make sure that they can be easily seen.

Don't have your sale on a holiday weekend. You just won't get as good a turnout as if you picked another weekend. Whether you're having your sale in your yard or garage make sure that your grass is trimmed and there are no ruts that could trip your customers. If you're selling clothes go through the pockets to make sure you haven't left something valuable in them. And it's best to display them on a rack.

Make your stuff as attractive as you can and you might want to move some of your more interesting items to the end of your driveway to act as a sort of a magnet. If you will be holding your sale on a hot summer weekend consider having your kids sell iced tea or sodas – just another way to earn some extra cash. You probably should mark the price of most of your items using stickers. However, if there are others where you would be willing to negotiate the price, leave the stickers off. Finally, try to keep your sale tables as attractive as you can by filling in empty spots as stuff gets sold. You will need to have some coins and

small bills available to make change but guard the money carefully. There are just some people that have "sticky" fingers.

### **34. Write product reviews**

If you're like most people you have opinions about many things. But did you know that you could turn them into cash? There is one highly regarded review website called [ReviewStream.com](http://ReviewStream.com).

It is said that it is fairly easy to make money writing reviews for Review Stream and you can review just about anything from diapers to books, from movies (yes, movies) to housewares and from hotels to restaurants. Of course, you'll need to have actual experience with whatever it is that you're reviewing. In other words, no cribbing from other reviews. If you have a Canon digital SLR you can write a review about it but not that Nikon DSLR you just saw in the store.

Your Review Stream review must be at least 200 words and if it meets the site's requirements it will be accepted and you will be paid somewhere between two dollars and three dollars. While that may not sound like much keep in mind you're writing only 200 words so that's basically easy money. If Review Stream finds your review to be too short, the topic too common or if it contains more facts than opinion the site may still buy it but for what it calls its bulk rate, which will be its regular rate divided by five. While this is certainly a lot less, it can still add up depending on how many reviews you can write. When you submit a review you will have the option of checking a box that indicates you are prepared to get the bulk rate. If Review Stream says it doesn't want to pay you the full rate you could revise your review and submit it again for the full rate.

#### **How much could you earn with Review Stream?**

Could you write 50 reviews per day, which are about 10,000 words? And could you write five days a week? If all your reviews were accepted at \$2.50 each you would earn \$125 a day, \$625 a week and \$32,500 a year – just writing reviews.

#### **Tips for writing reviews that will be accepted**

It's important that your review reflect your personal opinion and not just a bunch of facts you cobbled off the product's website. If you like being opinionated here's your opportunity to go for it. Second, check out the categories that are in the highest demand. The Review Stream home page has information that will help you out by telling you the top categories that are in the most demand from its readers. Third, do a search on the product you're thinking of reviewing to make sure that the site is not already bursting with reviews of it. Check your copy carefully to make sure there are no typographical or sentence errors. And finally, don't get depressed if your some of your first reviews go for the bulk rate. Just hang in there, keep writing and you'll eventually learn what "sells."

## **35. Give lessons in music or sports or be a tutor**

Are you great at math, a gifted guitarist, fluent in some other language or a genius at math or physics? Then why not turn that skill and knowledge into cash by giving lessons or tutoring? The simplest way to get started in either of these is by posting an ad in Craigslist and by word-of-mouth. Do you have friends with children that might need some tutoring? How about going to your nearest middle school and talking with the music teacher there. He or she might be happy to post information about your lessons. Once you get started you can ask your students about their friends and family members. There may also be tutoring agencies in your city where you could register.

Tutoring and giving lessons is an area where you could make some really good extra cash. According to the website Care.com, a high school student who excels in one subject can earn \$10 to \$15 dollars an hour tutoring other students, while a recent college graduate can earn around \$15 to \$20 an hour. Private tutors with advanced degrees can earn \$50 or more an hour.

It's also possible to work through tutoring companies such as [WyzAnt Tutoring](#), [Huntington Learning Center](#) and [Sylvan Learning Centers](#). WyzAnt generally allows its tutors to set their own rates and then takes a commission for advertising and funding the students. This commission is 40% initially but then drops down as you work more hours with WyzAnt. In comparison, Sylvan hires tutors and pays them an hourly rate. According to Glassdoor.com tutors working for Sylvan Learning Centers in 2015 made an average of \$11.72 an hour. But, of course, if you work for Sylvan you wouldn't have to worry about going to visit various students, as you would meet them at a local Sylvan location.

### **What could you earn giving music lessons?**

This will also vary but as an example the average cost of a piano lesson is between \$15 and \$40 for a 30-minute lesson. Keep in mind that this is just an average. The actual price of what you could charge for piano lessons will depend on a number of factors including where you live and your expertise.

Another popular area is guitar lessons where the average price falls somewhere between \$20 and \$40. A music teacher's blog recommended \$15 to \$20 for music lessons while another board had prices ranging from \$15 to \$65. And finally, the Berkeley Parents Network said students should pay you \$44 to \$55 for music lessons if you go to the student's house and \$35 to \$45 if the student comes to your studio.

## **36. Be A Mystery Shopper**

Do you just love to shop? Then we have good news. You can shop and make money instead of just spending it. The secret? Become a mystery shopper by

signing up with [Marketforce](#). It's free to register and you'll then get paid to eat out or shop for your favorite brands.

### **How does this work?**

Once you've signed up with Marketforce you'll be given assignments where you'll pose as a shopper and visit local stores acting as if you were a regular customer and then report back on various aspects of your experience. You'll be shopping America's biggest brands some of which you may already be visiting. This includes fast food restaurants, gasoline stations, grocery stores, sit-down restaurants, wireless phone providers, drugstores, fashion brands etc. In return for doing this you'll get a payment and probably reimbursement for the purchases you made or meals you had.

### **What's required**

Marketforce mystery shoppers must be at least 18 years old. You must have great observational skills and be very detail oriented. Of course, you need a computer and it's recommended that you have high-speed Internet access. You will also need a digital camera for higher-paying audit-type assignments.

### **Be a theater checker**

Marketforce also offers the opportunity to be a theater checker as a Certified Field Associate (CFA). This is where you would actually get paid to see your favorite movies. This helps the theaters become better places for consumers. As a CFA you'll be paid for every field visit you make and even reimbursed for your movie tickets and concessions. You can play the field – which is picking and choosing your field visits from several different types including advertisement checks, sneak checks, open checks and what are called blind checks.

### **How much could you expect to earn?**

This is, of course, another “it depends”. It will depend on how many assignments you take and how much each of them pays. Marketforce assignments pay from \$15 to \$20 and if the company wants you to make a purchase to get the total customer experience, you'll be reimbursed for a certain portion of the cost. One veteran mystery shopper reported that she earned \$14,000 a year mystery shopping. Probably you won't earn that much but if you were to make three visits a week at an average of \$15 each, you'd earn \$180 a month just for doing what you probably would be doing anyway.

### **Other mystery shopping opportunities**

Marketforce is not the only company that offers the opportunity to be a mystery shopper. The site [Secret Shopper](#) calls itself the premier mystery-shopping site. It's also free to sign up with this company and you get to choose when and where

you want to shop. This company has been in business since 1990 and pays from \$12 to \$25 depending on the assignment. In fact, some pay even more. It pays by check on the 20th of each month for shopping done the previous month.

## **37. Take Selfies**

Yes, it's true. You can get paid for taking selfies. This secret is the website [Stylinity](#). You sign up with this company and download its app. The company says the best way to think of its equipment is as an automated Photo Booth that sits outside the dressing room in retail stores and that incorporates high-quality lighting, a barcode scanner and high-resolution imagery. You try on clothes, use the barcode scanner to scan the UPC tags of the items you're wearing and then take four high-quality selfies of your ensemble. These photos are automatically uploaded to the Stylinity marketplace. You're also encouraged to upload them to the social network of your choice – Facebook, Twitter, Tumblr, Pinterest, Instagram and so forth. Your images are emailed to you and are available in your account on Stylinity.com. Once they are on the Stylinity marketplace anyone can click on your selfie and follow your items' links to the retailer's official website. If they buy something you get points you can redeem for either cash, "exclusive experiences," or "fun products."

### **How you earn money**

The way you earn rewards with Stylinity is when your friends see your photos and shop your style. If someone buys, you earn a commission that can be as high as 20% of the sale although this will depend on the retailer's relationship with Stylinity. These commissions can be redeemed as cash, products or other perks. You'll also earn an immediate \$10 just for signing up with Stylinity.

### **Yes, you would be a model**

What this basically boils down to is that you're modeling clothes and earning money for doing so. If you have good taste in clothes and a lot of friends there is no reason why you couldn't earn extra cash doing this. Of course, you'll want to be creative and put together ensembles that will perk peoples' interests.

### **Where would you find Stylinity?**

The company works with over a hundred retailers including Barneys New York, Urban Outfitters, Nordstrom and Ann Taylor. Beyond these four you will need to look for the Stylinity "Photo Booth" in the stores where you normally shop or find other retailers that do work with Stylinity.

## **38. Perform Simple Tasks With Your Smart Phone And Get Paid For It**

Sign up with [Gigwalk](#), download its app and you could make money walking through your own neighborhood. As an example of how much you could earn one of its "walkers" earned \$8 just for taking 20 photos of several different bags of Cheetos on display in a local store.

### **How it works**

Once you have a Gigwalk account, you apply for Gigs using a map or a list of Gigs near you. You click on the Gig to get more information about what needs to be done. If it looks like it's something you would like to do you apply for the Gig by clicking on the "Apply to this Gig" button. You will be notified if your application has been selected. If it is, you'll click on a "Start Working" button and get more complete information. It's possible you'll be required to download some third-party apps such as PhotoSynth to complete all of a specific gig's tasks.

When you have completed the Gig, you submit it through the Gigwalk app. The customer then reviews your work and either approves it or may have a quick follow-up question or two. Once your Gig has been approved you will be paid directly through your PayPal account.

### **How much could you earn with Gigwalk?**

First, understand that the pay is generally very low. Beyond this, the amount of money you earn on a per-hour basis will be affected by a number of factors including the total number of Gigs you complete, how far you have to travel and a number of other variables. That said, most Gigs pay between five dollars and \$20. However, some are as low as \$2.50 or as high as \$50. If everything goes smoothly the best you can probably expect to earn is \$50 to \$60 per day working full time. So you clearly won't get rich doing Gigs but you could definitely earn some extra money. For that matter you might be able to couple these Gigs with Fieldagent (#21), which would boost your earnings considerably.

### **Which companies post Gigs?**

These are generally posted by consumer brands and retailers looking for on-the-ground looks into the conditions of their products or events. These companies are usually looking to verify products on the shelf to see if they are being displayed and priced correctly or that marketing events have been done on time and accurately. Most Gigs will require that you use geo-tagged photos to document your work. Gigwalk pays only through PayPal, so you need a PayPal account

## **39. Get Paid For Typing/Transcribing Audio Content**

If you're a pretty fast and accurate typist you could earn up to \$15 an hour transcribing legal or other types of recordings. According to the [SpeakWrite](#) website this service is used by more than 50,000 customers worldwide including

state governments, law firms, law enforcement, insurance and a variety of private sector clients.

### **How it works**

One of the biggest advantages of working with SpeakWrite is that the company lets you set your own hours, work independently and eliminate those traditional job related expenses. You work when you want and from your home. When you're ready to go to work you select an "At Work" button to show that you are available for an assignment. When you are assigned a job you will receive both an audio and visual notification. You accept the job, download the audio and then check for any other instructions or notes. When you complete a job, you upload the files and then wait for your next assignment. The SpeakWrite system automatically knows if you're working on a job and won't assign any additional ones until you have finished the job in progress.

### **What you need to do to qualify**

To be a "general" typist you must have a minimum of 24 months of transcription or word processing experience that were not gained more than five years previous to the date you apply. You should have good working knowledge and experience in setting up formal correspondence, reports and so forth. You will need a good working knowledge of English grammar, punctuation and spelling and must be proficient in a current version of Microsoft Word, including advanced formatting features.

To be a "legal" typist you must have at least 24 months of increasingly responsible legal work in a law firm and experience in and a good working knowledge of setting up legal pleadings, agreements, interrogatories, court headings, disposition summaries, formal correspondence and etc.. You will also need to know how to format legal citations and a good understanding of spelling, English grammar and punctuation. "Legal" and "general" typists are paid at the rate of one half cent per word transcribed.

Whether you choose to be a "general" or "legal" typist you will need to have a computer with at least 1 GB of RAM running Windows 7 (no Macs or tablets), a sound card and earphones, a printer and a foot pedal to operate the playing back of dictated material. And of course, you'll need an Internet connection with similar or greater bandwidth as a DSL connection.

You may have to undergo a background check as some of SpeakWrite's larger clients require it. The company also has an evaluation process, which includes a short exercise to validate your typing speed that must be 60 WPM or better with 90% accuracy. If you pass this test you will install SpeakWrite's proprietary typing software and be given a series of sample transcription jobs on which you will be evaluated.

## **How much you could earn**

When you schedule your workweek it will be in units. How much you could earn will depend on how many units you work in a given week. If you work for SpeakWrite regularly and maintain a high degree of work you will be allowed to take on more shifts. You should be able to earn \$12 to \$15 per hour and some of the company's typists earn more than \$15 an hour.

## **40. Sell Your Old Movies, CDs And Games**

You probably have a bunch of old CDs, movies and games sitting over on a shelf in your living room or family room. If you're not watching, listening or playing them why not turn them into cash with the website [Decluttr](#)? It's free to use and its website claims that it's the easiest way for you to sell unwanted DVDs, CDs and games.

After you register with the website you download an app that turns your smart phones into a barcode scanner. Scan the barcodes of those items you would like to get rid of and you'll receive an instant offer for them. If you like the offers you just pack up the items and ship them to Decluttr, which is free. The company will process your items and then pay you for them by direct deposit or check. What this amounts to is scan it, send it, and spend it – it's really that simple.

### **It's just simpler**

Selling your old DVDs, CDs and games to Decluttr is just a lot simpler than having to list them somewhere, write descriptions, decide on a price and pay some fees. Plus, as noted above even the shipping is free through Decluttr's shipping service. All you do is box up the stuff you're selling put a label on it that Decluttr provides and drop it off at your nearest UPS location.

### **How much could you earn?**

Well, you're never going to get rich selling old stuff. The amount that Decluttr pays you depends on its algorithm, which is based on factors such as how many of the title it has in its warehouse, what the item is selling for on Amazon or eBay and how fast the item sells. Be aware that Decluttr won't buy just discs. The item has to be complete with a case, the album booklet or instruction manual as well as the disc. Beyond this, the company's "aim is offering users the best prices possible for their DVDs, CDs, Blu-Rays or games." In general you could expect to earn between \$.50 and \$1 for each DVD. In some cases you might get as much as \$3. Some CDs will get you \$.50 or maybe \$2.85. Decluttr will actually pay you the minimum of \$.50 for everything you ship to it -- regardless. So if you were to ship 10 old CDs you'd get \$5, plus shipping them cost you nothing.

Don't expect to go online to see a list of what Decluttr is paying for specific items because you won't find one. This is the one opaque part of its process as this would violate agreements the company has with Amazon and eBay. So when you send in those games, CDs or DVDs it's a bit of a crapshoot as to how much you'll be paid. But then this is a sort of a what-do-you-have-to-lose proposition. You're not playing those games, watching those movies or listening to that music anyway so why not give Decluttr a shot? Who knows? You could be receiving a check for \$50 or more in just a few weeks and that's basically free money.

## **10 Bonus Low Tech Gig Ideas**

Many of these services could make sense to offer on TaskRabbit.com, but online marketing is not *always* necessary for success.

### **41. Provide clothing alterations**

If you are handy with a sewing machine, you can do clothing alterations either on your own or in collaboration with a local dry cleaner shop. Dry cleaners often get requests, but don't always have the staff to handle them. You might consider posting flyers at the gym where weight loss and clothing size reductions are a major goal of many patrons.

Talented seamstresses may also find work making custom window curtains, valances and throw pillow covers. Inquire at a local fabric store or Michael's Supplies & Crafts about getting their customers referred to you for this type of work.

### **42. Baking for Dollars**

If people love the desserts you enjoy making, you might consider going into business selling cakes, brownies, cupcakes, cookies and pies to:

- 1) busy parents on the hook to produce for a classroom event or birthday party,
- 2) hosts of a baby shower, wedding shower or wedding reception,
- 3) organizers of a business event,
- 4) recreational sports teams, and
- 4) faculty or students hosting an event on campus at a local college or university.

You will want to prepare flyers and business cards with your email address and/or phone number and market extensively by word of mouth.

### **43. Become A Brand Ambassador**

Large companies that run everything from ski resorts to golf courses to concert venues often pay people or offer free passes in exchange for help with marketing to certain demographic groups or in certain geographic areas. Inquire at the favorite venues of your choice.

#### **44. Car Washing and Detailing.**

If you're willing to provide mobile service by showing up with your own equipment at the customer's office or home location (that has a water supply and hose), you might be able to charge \$25 for a basic interior clean/exterior wash, and \$50 or more including waxing and detailing. Again, flyers and business cards and word of mouth will be key unless you set up your own website.

#### **45. Carpet Cleaning and Window Washing**

You can rent carpet cleaning equipment on an as needed basis until you have enough business to buy your own. Pricing is usually on per room basis. For windows, you only need a squeegee, bucket, ladder and rags. You should be able to charge homeowners or storefront businesses at least \$100 for a complete window washing.

For both carpet cleaning and window washing, check online to see what the professionals in your area are charging as a good reference point.

#### **46. After Hours Cleaning of Office or Retail Spaces**

This gig allows you to work anytime between 6pm (or closing) until 8 am (or when the store re-opens). A trusted personal relationship with your clients might give you an advantage over big anonymous corporate services. Door to door marketing of your availability for this work is probably your best bet.

#### **47. Recreation Sports Officiating**

Both youth and adult recreational sports leagues need referees and umpires, most often in the evenings and on weekends, and pay them nice fees. That's true even when the coaches are all volunteers. Even with a background of accomplishment in your favorite sport, you may need to take a training class to become a game official, but that's usually not too big a hurdle.

#### **48. Carpentry and Furniture Making**

If woodworking is a skill you have, you can offer your services installing shelving in closets, laundry rooms, garages and basements. For more advanced carpenters, you might offer handmade custom furniture pieces, such as outdoor benches or tables. Inquire at your local hardware or home improvement store about getting referrals for this sort of work.

#### **49. Ironing/Mobile Laundry Service**

With zero investment in equipment, you could provide pick up of items needed to be laundered, ironed or both and then delivery back to your customer. Busy people with fulltime jobs highly value the time savings, convenience, and personal attention they get from such a service. Developing a per-item price list would be the first step, followed by marketing your service.

#### **50. Junk Hauling Service/ Moving Service**

From “Two Men and a Truck” to “College Hunks Hauling Junk” there’s no shortage of clever names for this type of service, and given their long term successes, there’s also no doubt about people’s demand for a way to get rid of items that regular trash services don’t accept.

If you and a friend have access to large pick-up truck or van, you can get your service business underway. If not, renting a Budget or UHaul truck by the job might be a good way to get started.

### **Conclusion**

Whether you opt for working through an online website or platform or instead you choose a more low-tech local method of selling your services, there’s an almost endless variety of paths to consider. A reliable, quality hi-speed Internet connection and computer or smartphone are, of course, essential for any of the first 40 gigs listed in this report, except yard sales. However, you don’t need those technology tools for any of the last 10 options listed.

Best of luck finding a new paying gig that suits you soon!



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